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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S STATEMENT IN  
EXERCISE OF RIGHT OF REPLY TO CUBAN STATEMENT IN SECURITY  
COUNCIL, EVENING, NOV 22:

QUOTE

THIS HAS BEEN A LENGTHIER DEBATE THAN EXPECTED AND I WILL NOT  
TRY AND KEEP IT GOING LONG BUT I DO WANT TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS  
ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN SAID BY MY CUBAN COLLEAGUE.

THE INICATION FROM HIM (THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA) THAT THE  
CUBANS WENT INTO ANGOLA AT THE REQUEST OF A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT I  
THINK IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE ACTUAL FACT. I AM SURE THAT ALL  
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OF US ARE AWARE THAT THE FIRST CUBAN COMBAT TROOPS LEFT CUBA ON A

TROOP VESSEL BOUND FOR ANGOLA IN EARLY SEPTEMBER OF '75, OVER TWO MONTHS BEFORE ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE AND WHILE THE FACTIONS IN ANGOLA WERE STILL ATTEMPTING TO RECONSTITUTE THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. AND I THINK THAT IT SHOULDN'T BE FORGOTTEN THAT THEIR INTERVENTION TOOK PLACE AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE OAU WAS CALLING ON ALL STATES TO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA. FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN HOW THEY GOT THERE, HOWEVER, IS WHAT ARE THEY DOING THERE NOW IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN ANGOLA?

I REMAIND YOU THAT THE LAST SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES LEFT ANGOLA IN MARCH OF '76, NEARLY EIGHT MONTHS AGO. IF THE ROLE OF THE CUBAN TROOPS WERE AS DESCRIBED BY THEIR DELEGATE, ONE WOULD EXPECT TO FIND THAT THE CUBAN ARMY IS CONCENTRATED ALONG THE NAMIBIAN BORDER. IN FACT

THE BULK OF CUBAN FORCES ARE LOCATED IN CENTRAL AND NORTHERN ANGOLA COMBATING THE ACTIVE INSURGENCIES IN THOSE AREAS. IN ADDITION THERE ARE SEVERAL THOUSAND CUBAN TROOPS IN CABINDA, OVER FOURTEEN HUNDRED KILIMETERS FROM THE NAMIBIAN BORDER. I THINK THE CUBAN TROOPS DISPLACEMENTS MAKE IT OBVIOUS THAT THEIR ROLE IS TO PROTECT THE LUANDA GOVERNMENT FROM INTERNAL OPPOSITION AND NOT FROM EXTERNAL AGGRESSION.

FURTHERMORE, MY COLLEAGUE HAS RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE COMMENTS THAT I MADE CONCERNING WHAT THEY ARE DOING THERE, THE REPORTS DETAILING THOSE EVENTS CAME NOT FROM ME BUT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS WITHIN NAMIBIA AND WERE BASED ON STATEMENTS FROM REFUGEES THEMSELVES. REPORTS WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES HAVE SUPPORTED THESE ACCOUNTS AND INDEED HAVE RAISED EVEN GRAVER ACCUSATION AGAINST THE CUBAN FORCES. I MIGHT SUGGEST THAT IF INTERNATIONAL JOURNALIST WERE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL INSIDE ANGOLA, THESE REPORTS COULD BE CHECKED OUT. AND I WOULD SUGGEST TO MY COLLEAGUE THAT HE USE THE INFLUENCE OF HIS GOVERNMENT WHICH IS NOW EXTREMELY STRONG IN ANGOLA FOR THIS PURPOSE TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS FAIRNESS IN THESE COMMENTS.

LAST BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS POINT. HE CHALLENGED THE REASONING OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO THEIR SUPPORT FOR AFRICANS. MAY I SAY TO YOU THAT IN OUR JUDGEMENT AST LEAST, AND I THINK THIS IS THE JUDGEMENT OF MANY OTHER AFRICANS WHO HAVE TOLD US SO, THERE HAS BEEN NO GOVERNMENT IN THE PAST YEAR

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WHO HAS TRIED HARDER AND DONE MORE TO OBTAIN MAJORITY RULE FOR AFRICANS SANS VIOLENCE THAN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. AND THESE EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE, I CAN ASSURE YOU. IN CONTRAST THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO USE TROOPS IN AFRICA, FOREIGN TROOPS I MIGHT ADD, INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN VIOLENCE. UNQUOTE SCRANTON  
UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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